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2 YAHOO PLANS JOB CUTS

Yahoo is working on a plan to cut its workforce by at least 10 percent and it could start the process as early as this month, Business Insider reported, citing sources. "We are not confirming this rumor or commenting further," Sarah Meron, a spokeswoman for Yahoo, told Reuters on Thursday in an e-mail. The layoffs, which would result in more than 1,000 people leaving the tech giant, is set to affect Yahoo's media business, European operations and platforms-technology group, Business Insider said on Wednesday. REUTERS

3 SUGAR CRACKDOWN

New U.S. dietary guidelines on Thursday urged Americans to cut their sugar and saturated fat intake to less than 10 percent of daily calories, but consumer advocates said the curbs did not provide clear guidance on the need to lower consumption of meat. REUTERS

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Boston Red Sox employee John Coyne spends hours on Thursday attempting to remove the graffiti vandalizing the tribute to Johnny Pesky outside of Fenway Park.

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A resident of Scituate was arraigned, pleading not guilty to receiving stolen property, but more federal charges may follow after the case is reviewed by a postal inspector. Ryan E. Hudson was stopped by Taunton police after they received calls of a suspicious vehicle in the area, WCVB reported. Once pulled over, police found a large amount of mail addressed to other people. JASON NUCKOLLS

5 HOVERBOARD THEFT

A teenager from Brockton was arrested after he was caught holding a stolen hoverboard and laptop, and with hundreds of Euros hidden in his pants, reports said. Nerilson Fontes Lopes, 18, was charged with two counts of breaking and entering, one count of hiding stolen property, and one count of larceny, according to media reports. Lopes was caught after cops reportedly received a call about 12:30 p.m. Wednesday from a person who saw him crawling through a window into a residence on Anania Terrace. MATT LEE

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MFA to host panel about controversial kimono promotion

The Museum of Fine Arts and others will examine last year's "Kimono Wednesdays" flap.

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A promotion at the Museum of Fine Arts that inflamed protestors last year will find itself back in the spotlight in 2016.

Critics of the MFA's so-called "Kimono Wednesdays" events, which offered viewers the chance to pose for pictures in an elaborate Japanese garment, said they amounted to cultural appropriation.

After the backlash and some small protests, the museum stopped running the promotion — letting visitors touch, but not wear the garment.

Now, the MFA is re-examining the issue, planning to hold a panel discussion and calling on some prominent figures to do a "Kimono Wednesdays" post-mortem.

"The reactions and thoughts raised by 'Kimono Wednesdays' were complicated and nuanced and very contemporary," said Jasmine LaRue Hagans, who planned the discussion. Hagans was not involved in organizing the kimono events. "This event occurred in the very recent past and now we get to look to the future with it."

Featured in the discussion are a Wellesley professor, an art historian, a journalist and Xtina Huilan Wang, a member of a group called Decolonize Our Museums and one of "Kimono Wednesdays'" original protestors.

Wang, who could not be reached for comment, told Metro in July that the promotion was a "farce," and that the kimono "can be appreciated without this parade of putting it on and taking selfies in front of a painting."

MFA Boston NICOLAUS CZARNECKI

The MFA hasn't changed any policies since the protests, but has had "dialogue about how — as the world continues to evolve — we can be more accountable to our audiences, who speaks for whom in a museum setting, and how we address issues like cultural appropriation in our galleries and educational programs," said Karen Frascona, the museum's public relations director, in an email.

In the time since the summer debacle, the MFA kimono issue has caused a lot of buzz among Japanese art historians, said Reiko Tomii, a New York-based expert in the field and one of the panelists picked for the discussion.

In Tomii's opinion, the MFA didn't educate viewers about the kimono's rich, complicated history as well as it should have. But she isn't convinced that letting museumgoers try on a kimono and pose for pictures was, necessarily, a mistake.

> *"To be honest with you, I want to try that kimono on too, really."*
> Tomii

"To be honest with you, I want to try that kimono on too, really," she said. "As much as, probably, American people want to try it on, maybe for different reasons."

She compared the donning of a kimono to reenacting a battle from the Civil War in full military garb, or eating a true-to-history dinner in Colonial Williamsburg.

"You could say the museum crossed a line, but on the other hand the museum crossed a line because they were inept in organizing this event," she said. "The way they implemented it was not ideal."

Another panelist invited to the talk is Ryan Wong, who last year wrote a widely shared article for art and culture site Hyperallergic about Kimono Wednesdays, protestors' right to be take issue with it and the history of Asian-American activism.

Wong said was pleased the MFA — after all the attention it received six months ago — now has a chance to talk about the line between celebrating culture and exploiting it, and to do it with some diverse thinkers in front of a live audience.

"My hope is that on all levels the MFA operates on, we can see a more inclusive approach to audiences — one that really considers the political ramifications of what it does," he said. "I'm looking forward to continuing the conversation."

The event, which is free, is being held in the 380-seat Remis Auditorium on Sunday, Feb. 7, at 1:30 p.m.

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Average rent in Boston reaches milestone: Now more than $2K

A study finds Boston's mean rent is nation's fourth-highest.

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The saga of rising rents in Boston reached a new milestone this week.

A new report found average rent in the city for the first time ever topped $2,000 in the last quarter of 2015.

Renting in Boston now costs an average of $2,009, a weighted mean that doesn't include affordable housing stock, according to real estate data firm Reis, Inc.

That's a 1.3 percent jump over the previous quarter and up 5.5 percent over last year, according to Reis. Only New York, San Francisco and San Jose had higher average rents, at $3,436, $2,491 and $2,023 apiece, Reis said.

Breaching the $2,000 mark isn't a surprise, but the takeaway is clear, said Kathy Brown, coordinator for the Boston Tenant Coalition.

"It's bad," Brown told Metro. "It's really bad out there for renters. The rents are just crazy and the threat of more and more displacement of low-income and working people is really of great concern to us."

Much of the jump in rents' average comes from "expensive class A spaces" that have been popping up around the city, said Shan Ahmed, a Reis analyst.

Last year, the number of new units that came on the market in the city was about 1,600 per quarter. By comparison, in 2012 there were 431 new apartments per quarter in Boston, Ahmed said.

Nationally, rents grew by about 4.5 percent overall in 2015, which is "well ahead" of inflation, said Ryan Severino, Reis' senior economist and director of research, who prepared the report, in a statement.

When rents go up, there are side effects to consider other than a bigger check to sign every month, said Maria Christina Blanco, community organizer for the Jamaica Plain-based City Life/Vida Urbana.

Many who can't afford their apartments end up on the street, with few affordable options for housing left to choose from, Blanco said. Many, she said, end up in shelters.

"There's just such an explosion in the rental market and it's just not possible to find another place," she said.

The average rent in Boston now exceeds more than $2,000 a month. Rental listings hang in the window of Terrier Real Estate in South Boston. NICOLAUS CZARNECKI

"The rents are just crazy and the threat of more and more displacement of low-income and working people is really of great concern to us."

Brown

Her organization has been rallying community members to hold demonstrations and show up at City Hall to demand more units of affordable housing and to call for laws protecting renters facing eviction.

Those efforts have picked up speed over the past year as the cost of living in Boston continues to rise, she said.

"It's really about working-class tenants and homeowners being able to live in Boston and not being pushed out," Blanco said. "That's what we think is really in everyone's interest long-term."

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RACE SHOULDN'T BE A SCAPEGOAT TO DEFEND BILL COSBY

Vacationing with my family over the holidays led to very heated and divisive conversations about the sexual assault charges brought against television icon Bill Cosby.

Some older members were conflicted on the nature of the cases. Many justifications were made — from discrediting some celebrity accusers to referencing the popular Quaalude drug culture of the '70s — but Cosby's race was a more contentious topic.

"It seems like the media wants to tear down any positive image of a successful black man — even if Cosby did do something wrong — I feel sorry for his legacy," said a family member. "When white men like Charlie Sheen or Woody Allen act up, they get a pass."

Excuse me, but Charlie Sheen having HIV doesn't warrant criticism from the media — because that's not criminal behavior.

Even though there's gossip that he may have hidden his status from previous sexual partners — which is a crime in some states — such rumors haven't gone any further than that.

As for speculation about Woody Allen's inappropriate relationship with his young daughter — it's akin to R&B star R. Kelly marrying the late singer Aaliyah at age 14.

Even though Allen is white and Kelly is black, neither faced legal action, and both continued to have successful, profitable careers.

Celebrity sex assault claims often result in financial settlements, which can give the impression that the color of money speaks louder than the color of skin. So it's important to note that when it comes to sexual assault, society must be mindful and sensitive when invoking race.

For one, both women of color and white women have alleged Cosby has sexually assaulted them. Suggesting that his race is solely causing the backlash against him is dismissing the possible trauma of the black women who might have been violated by this black man.

Yes, the justice system has had a terrible history of mishandling cases involving black men.

But our justice system has had a similar shameful track record with female rape victims, especially when it comes to allegations made against powerful, wealthy men.

Bill Cosby is no saint in any of this. In depositions made over a decade ago (that just became public last July) he revealed he has paid off women with whom he's had affairs and administered Quaaludes to women with whom he intended to have sexual intercourse.

I can't say whether Cosby is guilty of any of the charges. On one of the 55-plus sexual-assault allegations that have surfaced, a court will now decide.

I am saying that we should look beyond race for the reasons why many are upset and angry at America's former favorite TV dad.

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THE FUN STARTS HERE

The "Forest" star would rather not talk "Hunger Games" or "Game of Thrones," thank you very much.

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Natalie Dormer is sick of questions about "The Hunger Games" and "Game of Thrones."

Luckily, this journalist has no queries about the former and has never seen an episode of the latter.

Instead, we're talking about "The Forest," a horror film in which the English actress plays an American trying to find her missing twin sister inside Japan's dense Aokigahara forest — a beautiful but feared place where some people go to commit suicide. When she arrives, strange things start happening.

Not that Dormer, 33, would do just any old horror film.

"The Forest" is an unusual horror film. It's heavy on ideas, about grief, sibling love, even a bit of feminism.
It's a smart horror movie. It's a thinking person's horror movie. That's why I took the role. I've never contemplated, in real seriousness, doing a horror movie before. I'm a film snob. I like genre made at a high spec.

Still, you have to do a lot of technical stuff.
[Laughs] I got really, really, really good at bolting through a forest as quickly as possible, avoiding roots that are going to break my ankle or branches that are going to take out my eye, then stopping dead in the exact right position.

You didn't shoot in the Aokigahara, but you did spend some time there. Did you actually step off the path, which people advise not doing?
I stepped 5 meters off the path. My driver wouldn't step half a meter off the path. I thought he was joking at first. I stepped off, clamored over the roots and was like, "Come here and take a selfie with me." He genuinely would not step off the path.

Horror is a genre that, more than most, features female protagonists. Do you sense that the meatier female roles are in genre films, even now?
I think the tide is turning on that. Cinema is finally catching up with what television has known for a long time, which is that three-dimensional, fleshed-out characters who are contradictory — i.e., they read as real human beings — are commercial. The message is finally coming through.

Behind the lens

You actually co-wrote a film with your fiance, Anthony Byrne, a thriller called "In Darkness," which you're about to shoot. How did you find being on the other side of the process?
Really enjoyable. Traumatic as well. Getting notes is a traumatic process. You have to learn not to take it personally. If anything, it only enhances my respect for writers, what they get from directors and other people during the process. We can have this conversation in a year's time, and we'll see if it worked.

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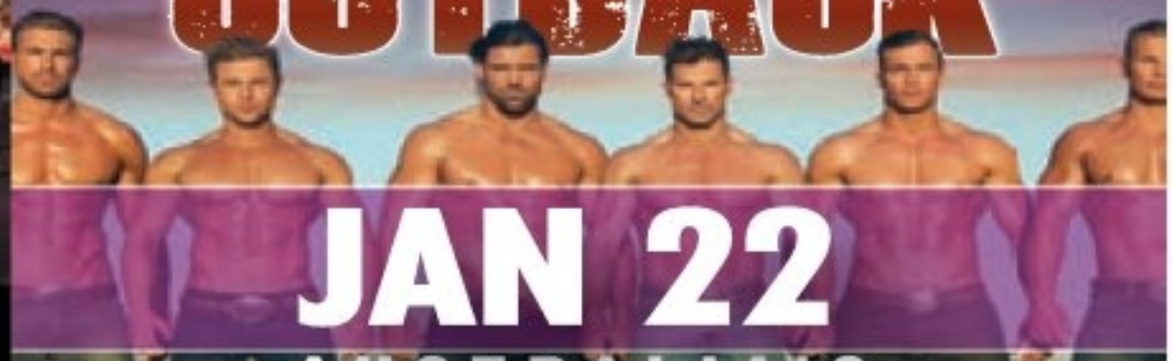

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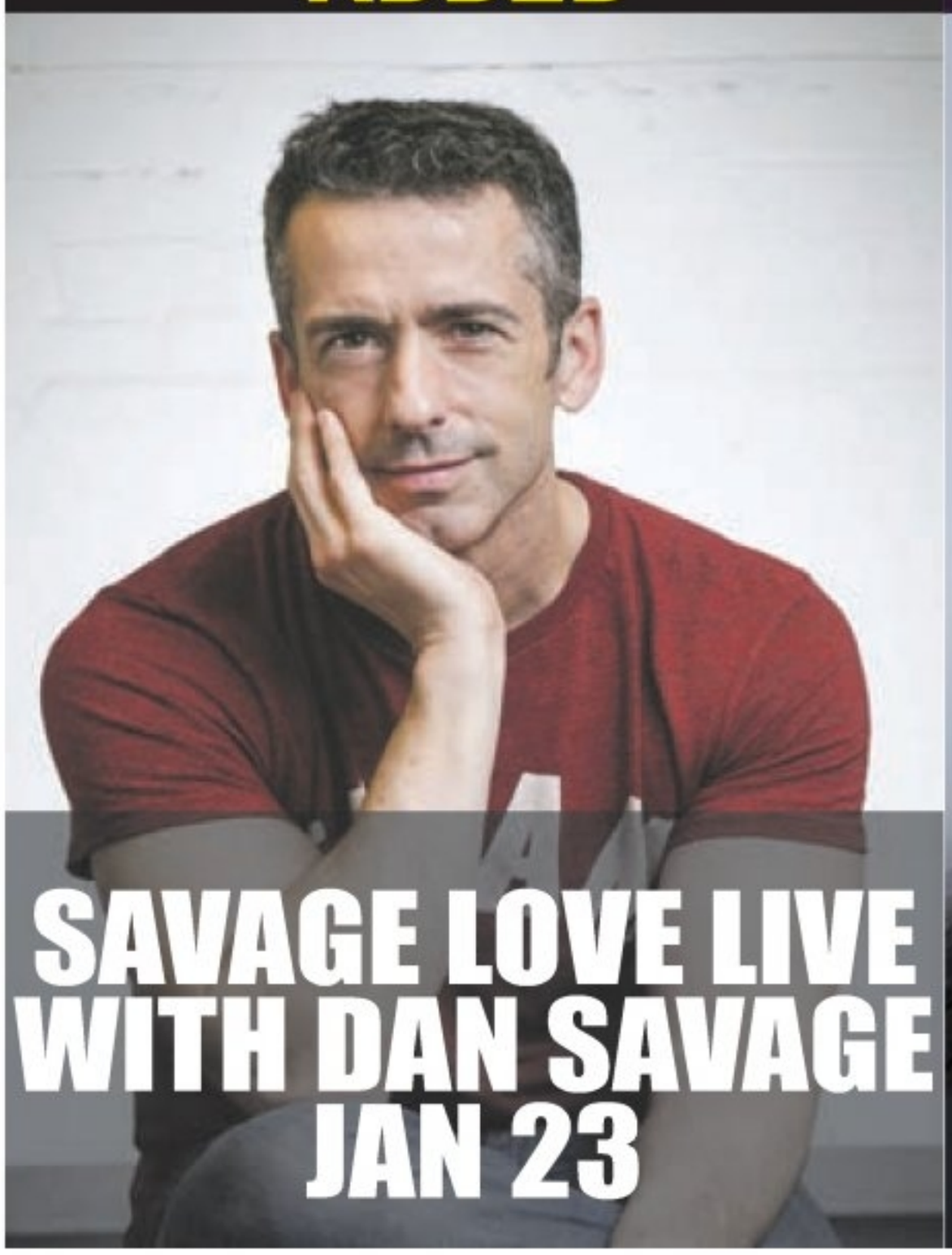

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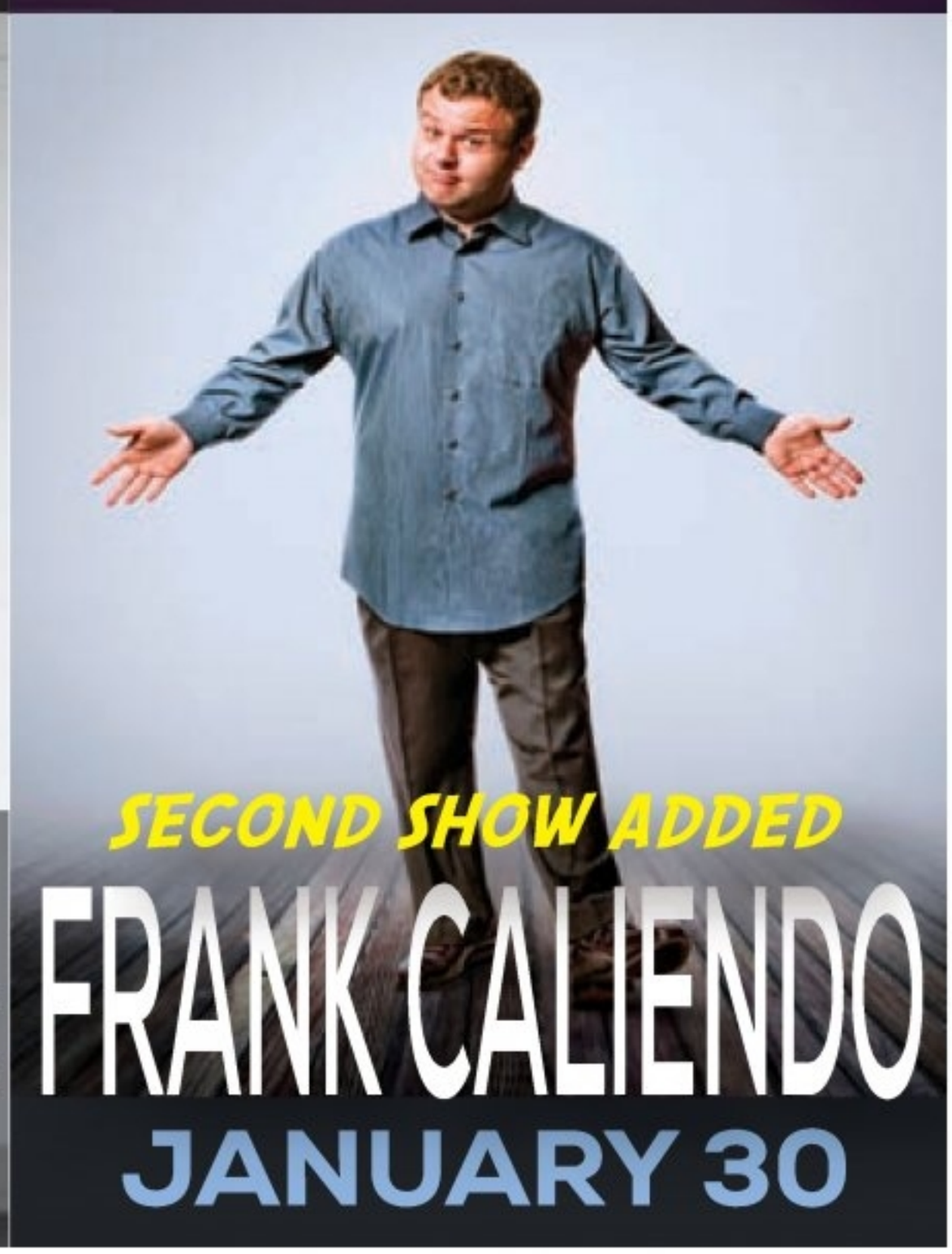

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Eugene Mirman will do 'anything' for art

The "Bob's Burger" star shares his 'weird experiences in New England.'

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Eugene Mirman is a bit of an Internet legend — and not just because he's funny.

The Russian-born, Massachusetts-raised comedian took out a the full-page ad after receiving a $15 parking ticket in Portsmouth, New Hampshire in 2015. His very public declaration of disapproval subsequently went viral — but don't worry, he paid the ticket.

But the rest of his year was pretty sweet, too. His Netflix special ("Vegan on His Way to the Complain Store") debuted, he reprised the voice of Gene Belcher on the sixth season of "Bob's Burgers" and dropped a nine-disc comedy album, "I'm Sorry (You're Welcome)."

Mirman provides the voice of Gene Belcher. FOX

We sat down with the voice behind the Belcher middle child ahead of the midseason premiere of "Bob's Burgers" on Sunday night on Fox.

I read that the album features "45 minutes of crying" is a real recording of you crying on a porch in Cape Cod. Is that true?

That is very accurate. It's the house where I got married. I really wanted to have a sticker on my album that said "Featuring over 45 minutes of crying," [so I knew] to have that sticker, I'd actually have to cry for 45 minutes.

I don't think I've cried in earnest for 45 minutes straight about anything.

[Laughs] Anything for art.

You made your own major for a B.A. in comedy. What's your take on Emerson College offering that as a major now?

It's great. It's funny, I think, because comedy can seem more ephemeral or something; people think of it as you're learning how to be funny. When you're studying comedy, you're probably studying the process of ways to be funny — trial and error, learning how to write scripts, form jokes — and I think that, in the same way you'd learn writing or photography or anything else that seems more like a talent than a craft, often isn't. It's very craft- and work-based.

Do you think it had a major impact on your career?

I think it's a somewhat impossible question to answer. There's no formula. It's not like going to medical school and you do this and this. The process was really helpful in trying to figure out how to be a comedian, but I also know a lot of comedians who didn't do that or go to college, either.

In your Reddit AMA you also mention pooping your pants as a child while shopping with your parents in a Woburn Service Merchandise. Is that true?

[laughs] Yes, yes, in Woburn. I was heading to the bathroom at the time.

I don't mean to dredge up all of these traumatic childhood experiences.

I know! You're like, "Let's go through a tour of weird experiences in New England." It'd be great if I just said, "That didn't happen; it's just a thing I say." I am sure I have at least one story about every old Boston-area department store.

Bob's Burgers returns to FOX this Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

'Little Girl Blue' offers an intimate look at Janis Joplin

"Little Girl Blue" — Amy Berg's Janis Joplin documentary narrated by Cat Power — will have its Boston premiere Jan. 8 at the Regent Theatre. Holliston singer-songwriter Kate Russo will perform pre-screening, and while there's no doubt the New England Conservatory-trained violinist is qualified for the task, her appearance is extra special: She spent years playing and singing with Joplin's backing band, Big Brother and the Holding Company.

"When I met Big Brother in 1996 I didn't know who they were. But they wanted a rock violinist, and we became great friends," says Russo, 44.

Oscar-nominated Berg ("Deliver Us From Evil," "West of Memphis") follows the Texan's rise from San Francisco's Haight-Ashbury to worldwide renown in this 103-minute documentary.

Janis Joplin GETTY IMAGES

Joplin died in 1970 from a heroin overdose; she was only 27. Even today, it's hard to say whether she fell victim to inner demons or was just a product of the times.

"Nobody knows an artist, not really," says Russo. "She was a smart girl from what I've heard, and impassioned, yet very shy."

"The guys in Big Brother told me they loved [the documentary]. I wanted to wait and see it on Friday. I have this personal connection, but I'm like a giddy fan, too."

"Little Girl Blue" premiere with Kate Russo. Friday, Jan. 8 at 7 p.m. $12 advance; $15 day of. The film will play through Jan. 14. Regent Theatre, 7 Medford St., Arlington. 781-646-4849. www.regenttheatre.com LINDA LABAN

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The answer is easy. Quarterback B is taking part in the more realistic scenario. And to be honest, it's not even close.

Pull away the curtain. You'll see that Quarterback A is Tom Brady, and Quarterback B is Peyton Manning. Brady has been accused of deflating footballs. Manning has been accused of having HGH sent to his home, under his wife's name.

There is little to no evidence that either is true. Yet, the reactions to each situation couldn't be more different.

If you've turned to the national sports media over the last two weeks, you wouldn't even know about Al Jazeera's undercover investigation that has video of pharmacist Charlie Sly discussing how he supplied pro athletes with PEDs.

Sly was secretly recorded by Liam Collins, a British hurdler who went undercover, telling medical professionals who were tied to PEDs that he was preparing for the 2016 Olympics. Sly went into detail about supplying pro athletes with a hormone supplement called Delta-2. Sly also worked at an Indiana-based anti-aging clinic — the Guyer Institution — in 2011. He said Manning attended the clinic and that they would send growth hormone to Manning's home "all the time" under his wife's name, while he was trying to recover from neck surgery in 2011.

Since the report came out nearly two weeks ago, Al Jazeera has already defended itself multiple times. The news outlet has since released a second video, which shows the Guyer clinic confirming that Sly did in fact work there in 2011.

On Tuesday, The New York Times released a report that revealed Sly as a co-founder of "Elementz Nutrition," along with Florida-based trainer Jason Riley. Riley's clients? Most of the athletes that Sly said he provided PEDs with in the Al Jazeera report. And according to last week's New York Times report, Elementz Nutrition "voluntarily dissolved and closed its doors."

> *"The reactions to each situation couldn't be more different."*
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> Danny Picard, comparing the HGH scandal to Deflategate

Again you wouldn't know any of that if you turn to the national sports media. The Al Jazeera report has been mentioned, but mostly laughed at. Take "ESPN Sunday NFL Countdown," for example. A two-hour production that asks to be your go-to pregame show. They followed Manning's denial interview by saying, "We believe him. Let's put it to rest."

Not exactly the same reaction they had when Brady was accused of deflating footballs last January. In fact, Deflategate still lives on today, a year later, even with the NFL admitting — in a court of law — it has no direct evidence of Brady being involved in any deflation scheme. The national-media reactions are so drastically different, it almost makes no sense whatsoever.

Look, I'm not asking to put an asterisk next to Manning's name if it turns out he used HGH. I don't even care if he did use it. I've come to accept the professional sports world that we live in, and that performance-enhancing drugs are part of it. But the precedent has been set. Deflategate became a story because the national sports media and the NFL wanted it to be a story. Even when there was no evidence.

The ESPN crew doesn't have to read the Al Jazeera report and call Manning a guilty PED user. I'm not saying they have to look the audience in the eye and condemn the guy. I just want them to acknowledge that, whether they like it or not, it certainly is newsworthy. And whether they believe the evidence or not, there's enough there that should make them believe this is, in fact, a story.

And to be honest, it's a much more believable one than Deflategate.

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Aries Take a pass on a job that has limited growth and benefits. If you believe in your ability, so will someone who can offer you what you are worth.

Taurus Discuss possibilities and share your ideas with someone who can contribute and help you make your dream come true.

Gemini Don't give up on your beliefs or adhere to someone else's lifestyle and traditions if they don't suit you. Living a lie will not make you happy.

Cancer You'll have insight into how you can make your dream a reality. An emotional relationship has the potential to enhance your creative imagination.

Leo Personal gains can be made. Bring about the changes you've been contemplating in order to be successful. Romance is on the rise.

Virgo It's up to you to make things happen. If you participate in events, you will reap the rewards. Don't let a personal situation stand in your way.

Libra Keep your thoughts to yourself and your emotions tucked away. Avoid getting into a dispute with someone you live with.

Scorpio Follow through with your plans, regardless of the temptations you face. Problems will develop if you trust anyone but yourself.

Sagittarius Be wary of anything that appears too good to be true. Stick to simple, foolproof means in order to avoid being taken advantage of.

Capricorn You can offer verbal help, but don't promise to take care of someone else's problems. You are better off expanding your interests.

Aquarius Love is highlighted, and romance will help you achieve your dream life. Closely guard a secret until you have everything in its place.

Pisces Don't take chances with your health. Illness will set you back if you are reckless. Be prepared to do what's necessary. **EUGENIA LAST**

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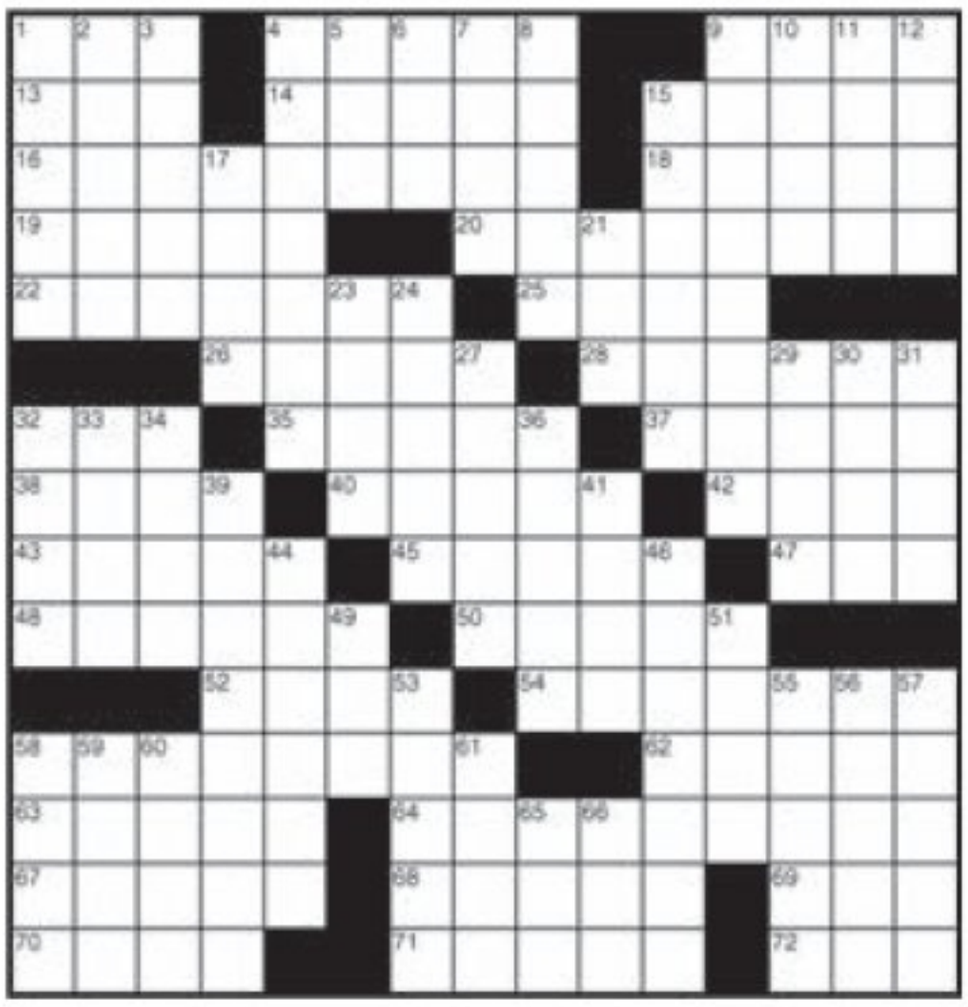

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4 Wild fear
9 Karate blow
13 Famous Khan
14 Horse —
15 Windy City airport
16 Weather maker (2 wds.)
18 Thick soup
19 Not with-it
20 Grandeur
22 More spiteful
25 Water receptacle
26 Car style
28 Hidden
32 Path to satori
35 — up (evaluated)
37 "The Wreck of the Mary —"
38 Sporty trucks
40 Home of a brave
42 Hoarfrost
43 Very reluctant
45 — -toothed tiger
47 Drum, as fingers
48 Let loose
50 Nubby fabric
52 Penelope of films
54 Unsurprising
58 Wrapped up
62 Concur
63 Dry-land mollusk
64 It's full of life
67 Stall
68 Ms. Zellweger
69 Ventilate
70 Metallic sound
71 Rose-petal oil
72 Pocket jangler

Down

1 New Orleans cuisine
2 Booster rocket
3 Showers
4 Frozen food items
5 Loan abbr.
6 Bridal notice word
7 Some nest eggs
8 Pitches a tent
9 More thickset
10 Lacking empathy
11 Hydrox rival
12 Look curiously
15 In full bloom
17 Rides a bench
21 TV's "— and Maddie"
23 Check manuscripts
24 Demolishes
27 View from Everest
29 Paris milk
30 Funny Bombeck
31 Low in pitch
32 Language with clicks
33 007's alma mater
34 Not on the rocks
36 Red-ink entry
39 Adhering
41 Counting-rhyme start
44 Usher in
46 Spruce up the walls
49 Really liked
51 Close, to a poet
53 Striped animal
55 Spooky noise
56 Hawk's lair
57 On one's guard
58 Discreet summons
59 Opposed
60 "Slither" actor
61 Lose some
65 Niagara Falls prov.
66 Vast expanse

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